

JOHN ROSKELLEY: Author and photographer, John Roskelley, is considered one of the world's top Himalayan climbers and adventurers. He has spent 41 years climbing throughout the world, successfully reaching the summit of four 8,000-meter peaks, including the two highest, Everest and K2. John's forte is climbing extreme rock and ice routes at high altitude and has set the bar worldwide with ascents of Uli Biaho in Pakistan in 1979, and Tawoche in Nepal in 1989, neither of which have been repeated.

John grew up in Spokane, where he learned to hunt, fish and enjoy the great outdoors with his father, Fenton Roskelley, who was the Outdoor Editor or contributor for the local paper for 60 years. Yes, that number is correct. John started climbing at the age of 16 after joining the Spokane Mountaineers. He attended Washington State University after high school and received a B.S. in Geology in 1971. In 1972, he married Joyce Roskelley and is the proud father of three great kids.

John has written three adventure books and many articles for national magazines. His photography has appeared on the cover of National Geographic, numerous book and catalog covers, advertisements and posters. He worked for E. I. DuPont for 13 years and W. L. Gore and Associates for 12 years. In 1995, John ran for Spokane County Commissioner and filled that position until October 2004, when he was appointed by Governor Locke to the Eastern Washington Growth Management Hearings Board. His most recent significant mountaineering achievement was reaching the summit of Mount Everest on May 21, 2003, with Jess, who at age 20 was at the time the youngest American to reach the summit of the highest mountain on earth.